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SUBJECT: UNDP 19TH GC - COUNTRY PROGRAM REVIEW AND APPROVAL  
FOR AFRICA

1. SUMMARY. UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL JANUARY 16 APPROVED COUNTRY PROGRAMS FOR EQUATORIAL GUINEA, ETHIOPIA, GUINEA AND LIBERIA. ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR AFRICA, DOO KINGUE HIGHLIGHTED FEATURES SHARED BY ALL FOUR PROGRAMS, I.E., IMPORTANCE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT SECTOR, CONCENTRATION ON SMALL NUMBER OF KEY SECTORS AND HIGH PERCENTAGE OF LARGE SCALE PROJECTS. OBSERVERS ALL FOUR COUNTRIES SPOKE ON RESPECTIVE PROGRAMS. TWENTY-FOUR DELEGATIONS INTERVENED IN SUPPORT OF CP'S. END SUMMARY.

2. ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR DOO KINGUE IN PRESENTING AFRICAN COUNTRY PROGRAMS FOR APPROVAL NOTED THREE FEATURES COMMON TO ALL FOUR PROGRAMS, (1) SPECIAL IMPORTANCE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT, (2) CONCENTRATION ON SMALL NUMBER OF KEY SECTORS WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES AND (3) A VERY UNCLASSIFIED

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HIGH PERCENTAGE OF LARGE SCALE PROJECTS. DOO KINGUE

ASSURED COUNCIL THAT ETHIOPIA CP REFLECTED COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT NEEDS AS ASSESSED BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT. HE NOTED SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN GUINEA PROGRAM, INCLUDING COUNTRY'S DESIGNATION AS ONE OF "LEAST DEVELOPED," LEADING TO DECISION UTILIZE HIGH PROPORTION OF IPF FOR "CAPITAL GOODS." HE STRESSED CP RESPONSIVE TO GUINEA'S SPECIAL NEEDS AND URGED THAT ATTENTION TO THE HIGH EQUIPMENT COMPONENT NOT BE EXAGGERATED BY THE COUNCIL. HE STRESSED SERIOUS LACK OF TRAINED PERSONNEL IN EQUATORIAL GUINEA, AND NOTED INTEGRATED RURAL/ REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT LINKAGES IN LIBERIA CP. DOO KINGUE REPORTED THAT CP'S OF CAMEROON, MADAGASCAR AND ZAIRE HAD BEEN REVISED AS RESULT PREVIOUS COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ADDED THAT SIZE OF "EXPERT" COMPONENT IN MADAGASCAR CP REDUCED AS GOVERNMENT WISHED TO INCREASE TRAINING COMPONENT FOR ITS OWN NATIONALS. DOO KINGUE CONCLUDED WITH STATEMENT THAT ONLY TWO AFRICAN CPS (MAURITANIA AND NIGERIA) REMAIN TO BE APPROVED DURING FIRST UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMING CYCLE AND THOSE TO BE SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL BY JANUARY 1976 AT LATEST.

3. OBSERVERS FROM EACH OF FOUR COUNTRIES WHOSE CPS BEING DISCUSSED SPOKE ABOUT THE KEY FEATURES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PROGRAMS, AND REITERATED IMPORTANCE OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO THEIR COUNTRIES. ETHIOPIAN OBSERVER CONFIRMED THAT CP REFLECTED PRIORITIES OF NEW GOVERNMENT AND EXPRESSED THANKS FOR ADDITIONAL DROUGHT ASSISTANCE AND SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN HIS COUNTRY'S IPF FOR SECOND PROGRAMMING CYCLE.

4. LIBERIAN OBSERVER SAID THAT HIS COUNTRY SHOULD BE INCLUDED AS ONE OF THE "LEAST DEVELOPED." STRESSED THE COUNTRY'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS AND ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY, AND REQUESTED THAT IPF FOR LIBERIA BE INCREASED TO \$15 MILLION DURING SECOND PROGRAMMING CYCLE.

5. INTERVENTIONS--TWENTY-FOUR DELEGATIONS INTERVENED. MOST COMMENTS BRIEF AND SUPPORTIVE. SWEDEN COMMENDED THE EXCELLENT DONOR COORDINATION IN ETHIOPIA. CUBA, USSR, HUNGARY EXPRESSED PARTICULAR SUPPORT FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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GUINEA CP. FRG AND UK EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS CONCERNING SIZE OF EQUIPMENT COMPONENT OF GUINEA CP AND UK DELEGATION ASKED FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING PERCENTAGE OF THIS COMPONENT TO THE TOTAL IPF. US DELEGATION (EVANS) NOTED MAJOR FOCUS OF PROGRAMS ON AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES AND DECREASE IN SCATTERATION OF PROJECTS WITHIN SECTORS, AND COMMENDED EMPHASIS ON TRAINING ACTIVITIES IN THE PROGRAMS. ALSO CITED EFFORTS IN

DONOR COORDINATION AND INCREASED UNDP/WORLD BANK LINKAGES. SUGGESTED GREATER PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL PROJECTS, AND ASKED IN KEEPING WITH GOALS OF SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE AND INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR, THAT UNDP PROGRAMS IN AFRICA AND IN THE OTHER GEOGRAPHIC AREAS BE INCREASINGLY PLANNED AND ADMINISTERED TO ENCOURAGE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN THE TOTAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORT. ALSO NOTED LARGE EQUIPMENT COMPONENT IN GUINEA PROGRAM AND SUPPORTED EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT THIS COMPONENT KEPT WITHIN RANGE OF NECESSARY SUPPORT TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES OF THE PROGRAM. DOO KINGUE THANKED DELEGATIONS FOR THEIR COMMENTS ON THE PROGRAMS. REGARDING EQUIPMENT COMPONENT, HE SAID THERE WAS NO ESTABLISHED FORMULA CONCERNING MAXIMUM PERCENTAGE OF EQUIPMENT PERMITTED IN A PROGRAM, AND STRESSED THAT PROGRAMS SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO MEET INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY NEEDS ON THIS MATTER.

6. ALL FOUR CP'S APPROVED AT JANUARY 16 PLENARY SESSION. U.S. MISSION FIELD COMMENTS CP'S PARTICULARLY USEFUL IN US REVIEW THESE PROGRAMS.  
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